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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Colin Chong et al.  
Title: BARRIER CATHETER APPARATUS  
AND METHOD  
Appl. No.: 10/036,081  
Filing Date: 12/28/2002  
Examiner: Ann Y. Lam  
Art Unit: 3763

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: (check items that apply)

## a. Previously submitted:

☒ Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on December 29, 2003.

☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_ but not considered.

Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_.

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☐ Other \_\_\_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

- ☒ Amendment/Reply dated December 29, 2003  
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement.  
☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_\_\_ listed reference(s).  
☐ Other .

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$770.00	= \$770.00
Total Claims:	72	- 72	= 0	x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independents	11	- 11	= 0	x \$86.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$290.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$770.00

- ☒ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$950.00
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EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$950.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$1720.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:			\$1720.00

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0872 in the amount of \$1720.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

☒ A check in the amount of \$1720.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

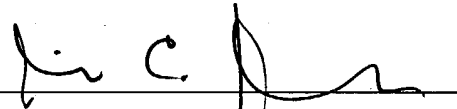
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 23, 2004

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